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2. On returning call hour and a half later, Lo said that since letter was for delivery to Chinese Ambassador (sic), Chinese side thinks it should be delivered to their Embassy as usual. They ready "at any time" to receive it. Said it was not convenient to come to American Embassy at this time. SubOff regretted his inconvenience, said that he was very busy in his office, but that letter would be held here. Then took up second subject.
3. Lo said that ~~the government~~ has not yet received from his government information regarding language of talks.
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